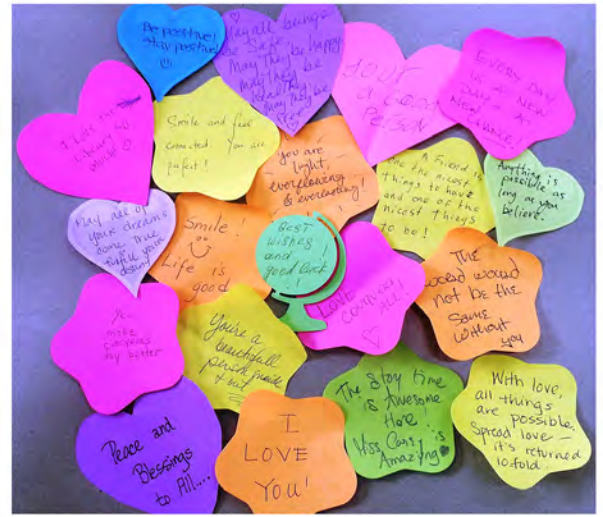


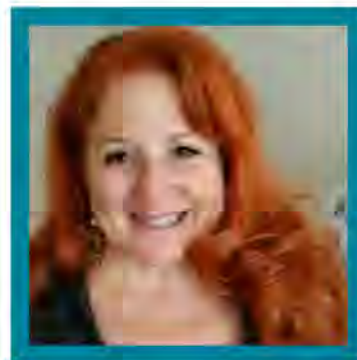
2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Altadena Libraries

Bringing **PEOPLE + IDEAS** Together

Director's Message



What a busy year it has been! Through the accomplishments and challenges Altadena Library District faced in 2015-2016, I am proud that as an organization, each step we took was mission-minded and guided by the needs of the community.

And we took many steps indeed, crucial steps of growth in the effort to bring the district closer to its mission of being the ultimate connector, connecting people and information, connecting people and organizations, connecting people and other people, but most importantly, bringing people and ideas together.

Altadena Library District focused on the important qualities that makes our community special: its diversity and unique character. An array of enriching experiences and educational opportunities were put into effect to celebrate the many races, ethnicities and talents that grace our community. A highlight of this was Latino Americans: 500 Years of History, an intercultural initiative that, through its many episodes and events, received an audience of over 1,000 people and inspired community collaboration.

Through careful management of our financial resources, we were able to increase our funds at the end of the year by \$405,279. We were also fortunate to procure several new sources of grant funding to propel significant initiatives that will have lasting effects on various groups throughout the community. From technological updates to innovative programming for certain age groups, these grants enabled special experiences for library patrons and will continue to grow the educational curriculum that the Altadena Library has to offer.

All of our accomplishments this fiscal year have set the stage for our new emphasis for the 2016-2017 fiscal year: honoring the past while looking to the future. In 2017, Altadena Library is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its main building and will begin the first phase of renovations that will bring our aging library into the future. The coming months will be full of opportunities for both staff and community members to engage in thoughtful reflection on Altadena Library's impact over the 90+ years it has served the community - reflection that will inform future strategic planning. The generosity and patronage of our engaged community members, partners, and volunteers fuel our efforts. Thank you to each and every one of you who loves Altadena Library District; the staff, volunteers and patrons, you are the heart and soul of our mission.

**- Mindy Kittay
Library Director**



My door is always open to Altadena Library District's valued patrons.

The coming years will be filled with progress for the library, and we want your voice to be heard throughout the process. We value the active participation of our community and take all feedback into consideration.

I can be reached at MKittay@AltadenaLibrary.org and 626-798-0833 x103.



Bringing PEOPLE + IDEAS Together

Altadena Library District adopted a tagline that encapsulates its mission and will continue to guide its efforts:

Bringing PEOPLE + IDEAS Together

In a time when original thought is less valued and the frequency of inaccurate, poorly sourced information is increasing, libraries more than ever, have a responsibility to provide free and equal access to truthful information. As a beacon of knowledge in its community, Altadena Library District hopes to act as a bridge between the PEOPLE of Altadena and a world filled with discovery, wonder, and IDEAS.

2015-2016 Highlights



With funds leftover from a previous California Library Literacy Services grant, the Branch Library was able to perform small, but **necessary furniture and facility maintenance** to provide a more flexible, workable space for Branch Library patrons and our Literacy Program.

Altadena Library District constructed a **Water Conservation Demonstration Garden**, funded by Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, and installed an interactive [i]cell **Save Water Interactive Kiosk** inside the main library, funded by California State Library's "Pitch an Idea" grant. Both have allowed Altadena residents to learn methods for and the importance of water conservation.

Innovative and creative programming for children included



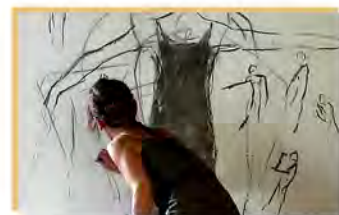
participative learning about opera and classical music with **CHROMA**, a local children's program (pictured above).

The much-loved **Second Saturday event series** completed its first full year of events! Every Second Saturday from October 2015 to June 2016 featured talented artists in our community, served an array of delicious local fare, and drew sizeable crowds who danced the night away (pictured above).

To continue providing our community with new ways to dive into reading, a new book club was started called "**From Page to Table**" that has been a resounding success. Members prepare new recipes and share with fellow participants at this potluck-style, bi-monthly gathering.

Altadena Library District received the California State Library's **Library Services and Technology Act "Pitch an Idea" grant**, in the amount of \$30,000. The funds have been used to expand the monthly teen DIY club makerspace and to add 3D printers, filmmaking equipment, MacBook Pro laptops, sewing machines, and mentors to teach these skills to Altadena Library's collection of technological resources.

After a successful exhibition and live art event hosted at the Altadena Library District, it is now **partnered with Open Studios** as its primary location for information about the **Open Studios Tour**.



Rotary Club of Altadena sponsored a successful petting zoo event at Altadena Library with **Danny's Farm**, a local organization that provides safe, peaceful, and loving animal experiences for children with intellectual disabilities.

Rotary
Club of Altadena 

August 2015

In partnership with Altadena Historical Society, the library hosted the first event of the Latino Americans: 500 Years of History initiative, a discussion and screening of Walter Dominguez's film "Weaving the Past: Journey of Discovery."



November 2015

Stuart Byles discussed the wine history of Los Angeles at a Wine Tasting, with wines and appetizers provided by Altadena Ale & Wine House (see right).



March 2016

Altadena Library held the first meeting of the new From Page to Table book club.

July 2015

Renowned modernist architect Dion Neutra captivated an audience at the Altadena Library with his interactive presentation "NEUTRA post NEUTRA," that took participants on a journey through his nearly 80-year career. It was followed by an audience Q & A session and a book signing (pictured above).

October 2015

Latino Americans: 500 Years of History continued with a screening of "Foreigners in Their Own Land" moderated by historian Roberta Martinez, "Episode II: Empire of Dreams (1880-1942)," a scholar-led discussion by Dr. Francisco Balderrama (Martinez and Balderrama pictured to the right), and an Authors' Talk with historians Paul Bryan Gray and Michele Zack.





2016-2018 Poet Laureate: Dr. Elline Lipkin

"I am so grateful for this wonderful opportunity. Still, Thelma Reyna [the current Poet Laureate] is a hard act to follow. She accomplished so much during her tenure. I look forward to meeting and working with other local poets and our wonderful community and making poetry more present in our lives."

With grant funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association, Altadena Library District created a new initiative called "Latino Americans: 500 Years of History."

Altadena Library District partnered with Altadena Historical Society to host two screenings from PBS' series called "Latino Americans: 500 Years of History," panel discussions with significant historians of Latino-American history, an educational wine tasting, and a culminating Latino Cultural Festival with music, dance, and international cuisine.



May 2016

The Latino Cultural Festival was held in culmination of the Latino Americans: 500 Years of History initiative.

June 2016

Supervisor Mike Antonovich spoke at the Grand Opening of the Water Conservation Demonstration Garden (pictured to the right).



April 2016

Altadena Library's main branch had new 1G Wifi installed!

2015-2016

Board of Trustees



Just as a mighty tree would be nothing without strong roots, Altadena Library District would not be able to serve its community and be such an example among libraries without the support and guidance of its Board of Trustees.

President

Meredith McKenzie

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Adalila Zelada-Garcia

Trustees

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David Tuck

Board meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month at 5pm in the Library's Community Room, with the exception of the month of December.

Staff Leadership

Director

Mindy Kittay

Finance Director

Tina Wallin

Public Services

Director

Ryan Roy



Bringing the Library into the **21st Century**



Making Space for **Critical Updates**

As technology continually expands and fills an increasingly significant role in our day-to-day lives, libraries must keep up with the new ways that people are consuming information.

Thus, Altadena Library District took a few critical steps toward meeting the technology needs of its patrons. Alongside the exciting additions to the DIY teen program including, but not limited to, 3D printers, filmmaking equipment, and laptops fully loaded with creative software suites, the district also purchased new computers and Chromebooks with state-of-the-art software at both library locations. In addition to desktop computers, personal laptops are now available for check out as well. To ensure these computers can be used to their fullest extent, spare power supplies, Skype headphones, and flash drives are also now available.

Technological updates will also streamline internal library processes. For those library patrons in a hurry or wanting privacy, Altadena Library now features user-friendly Self-Check machines.

An Exciting Announcement for Users of Mobile Devices

From desktops to laptops to smart phones, any technological device that requires internet connection can now take advantage of the library's new 1G wireless internet. At both the main library and Bob Lucas Memorial Branch, visitors can log in and experience the speed of 1G Wifi on their mobile device of choice and print on demand.



Fortunate as we are to exist in a beautiful building, designed by architect Boyd Georgi in the 1960s, the library must keep up with the evolving needs of its patrons, which includes updating facilities as needed. Important adjustments were made this year to build a solid foundation for exciting new initiatives in 2017. Read more on the last page of the Annual Report.

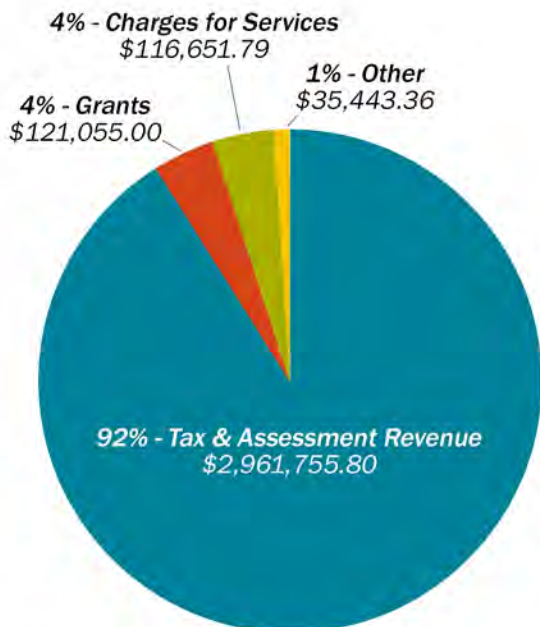
While small updates were being made to the Bob Lucas Memorial Branch as described in the previous pages, the main library building also experienced updates. The existing teen area was moved to a larger section of the library, now forming the new and improved Teen Center. Shelving was removed, carpets were repaired, and tables were added for teen computer use.

With the Teen Center now in a different part of the library, more space was opened up for the now popular Reading Lounge. Our extensive collection of magazines and other periodicals are located in the Reading Lounge, where visitors can enjoy perusing the collection bathed in natural light from the window looking out over the garden.

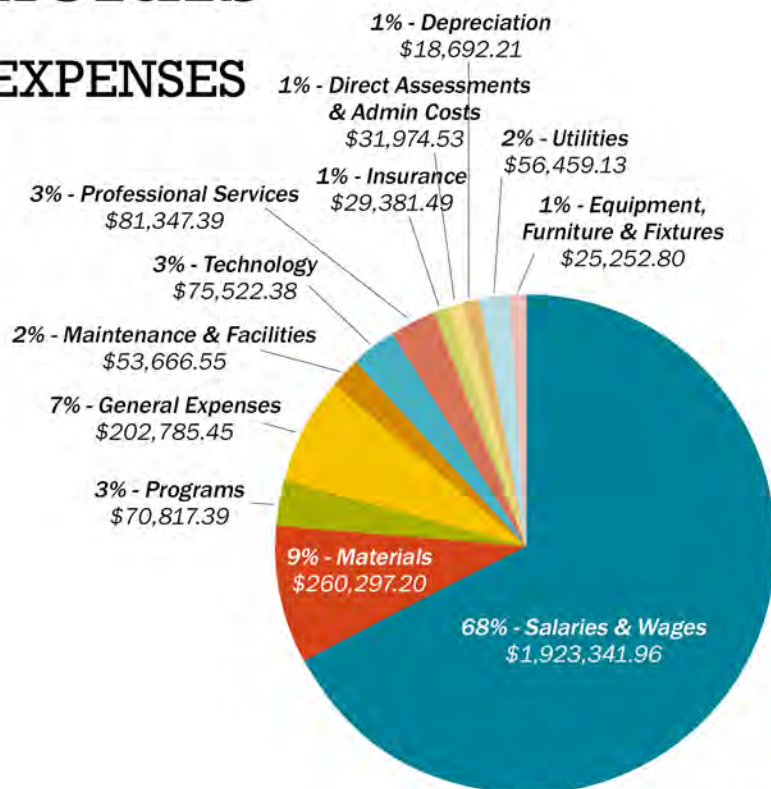


2015-2016 Financials

REVENUE



EXPENSES



Financial Highlights

- **The District's net position increased 40.42%, or \$405,279 from the prior year's net position of \$1,002,782 to \$1,408,061, as a result of this year's operations.**
- Total revenues from all sources increased by 5.46%, or \$167,742 from \$3,067,165 to \$3,234,907, from the prior year, primarily due to an increase of \$118,705 in property taxes and \$51,653 in operating grants and contributions.
- Total expenses for the District's operations increased by 7.39% or \$194,765 from \$2,634,863 to \$2,829,628, from the prior year, primarily due to a \$37,203 increase in salaries and benefits expense and a \$157,562 increase in materials and supplies expense.

Altadena Library District is grateful to two groups that work throughout the year to both enrich the library's offering of services and provide crucial funds through their fundraising efforts.

Altadena Library Foundation

The Altadena Library Foundation supports and enriches the facilities, resources, and services of the Altadena Library District. They accomplish their mission through fundraising and advocacy.

For more information, go to
AltadenaLibrary.org/altadena-library-foundation

Friends of the Altadena Library

As a Friend, your support will help to raise funds for books and materials, support Children's and Young Adult programs, and offer educational and informative programs.

For more information, go to
AltadenaLibrary.org/friends-altadena-library

This Year By the Numbers

Check Outs:
212,074

Visitors:
189,319

New Library Cards Issued:
2,374

Holds Placed on Items:
3,096

Events:
283
with
11,656
attendees

Computer Usage:
36,656

Wifi Logins:
57,203

Tutoring Sessions:
656
with
2,066
attendees

Looking Ahead to 2017

50th Anniversary of the Main Building

Altadena Library District has a 90+ year legacy of serving the Altadena community.

It was not until the 1960s that renowned architect Boyd Georgi designed the main library building, featuring classic mid-century architecture and seamless integration with its natural surroundings.



Throughout 2017, Altadena Library District and its constituents will engage in a variety of activities and events dedicated to celebrating its longstanding presence in the community. There are plenty of ways to get involved:

Submit a Video

Share why you love your library in a short video and submit it to the library. No need to get fancy - use your cell phone! All submissions will be edited together and shared at the Grand Reopening ceremony.

Attend an Event

From a tasting of local food and goods to the Grand Reopening, the library's devoted 50th Anniversary Committee is busy planning community-building events in celebration of this historic anniversary! Show your support and show up with family and friends!



Above: New artwork created in honor of the Altadena Library District 50th Anniversary of its main building

Save the Date!

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

After a short closure, the community will gather for a day of excitement, community building, and discovery. As we explore the newly renovated library, we will celebrate the Library's 90+ year legacy and its 50 years in the Main Building.

Built in 1967, our beloved library is due for some much-needed touch ups, and in order to fix the effects of 50 years of heavy use in a cost-effective way, the project will use grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and a generous donation from the Altadena Library Foundation, beginning with the imminent Phase I Renovation.

Phase I Renovation



Safety & Shelving Enhancements

The Phase I Renovation will begin with important adjustments to shelving and new entrance doors, to meet compliance requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and seismic safety code. Beautifully crafted, state-of-the-art shelving and displays will be installed across the library floor, including the Children's and Teens' Sections. Brand new, artful book bins will be provided to optimize the space allocated for our youngest patrons.

Aesthetic Updates - Flooring & Carpets

The most visible of planned changes will be the updates to flooring and carpeting. Thanks to the generosity of the Altadena Library Foundation, floors will be replaced with modern Shaw Contract® flooring. Say goodbye to the worn, aging carpets we have grown accustomed to! Per the swatches above, the color of the primary library carpet will be a deep mossy pine, reflective of the lush foliage surrounding the library. The teen lounge will be updated with rust and clay-colored carpet, and our child patrons will enjoy a timeless teal.

Technological Additions & Signage

While the floors receive their well-deserved renewal, the library will take an important step toward expanding its potential for technology usage: installation of additional electrical and data outlets throughout the library. More outlets allow for charging stations for mobile device users and increased computer capacity in the future. Final steps of the renovation will include creation of innovative signage, rejuvenation of the library's original wood and tiling, and revitalization of the planters.

To accomplish the extensive Phase I Renovation, the Main Library will be closed from mid-March through the end of April in 2017, with extended hours available at the Bob Lucas Branch.


Hours & Contact Information

Main Library


Monday & Tuesday
10am - 9pm

600 East Mariposa Street
Altadena, CA 91001

Wednesday - Saturday
10am - 6pm

 (626) 798-0833

Sunday
Closed


 (626) 798-0425

Bob Lucas Branch


Monday & Tuesday
10am - 6pm

2659 Lincoln Avenue
Altadena, CA 91001

Wednesday & Thursday
10am - 8pm

 (626) 798-8338

Friday
10am - 6pm

 (626) 798-3968

For information about new books, movies and music,
library happenings, upcoming events, and
community resources, visit

www.altadenalibrary.org